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SUBJECT: DEPARTURE STATEMENT BY DEPUTY SECRETARY KENNETH RUSH

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY DEPUTY SECRETARY KENNETH RUSH WAS RELEASED TO SAIGON PRESS CORPS, BOTH VIETNAMESE AND FOREIGN, UPON HIS DEPARTURE MARCH 7, 1974:

" MY VISIT HAS BEEN BRIEF BUT ILLUMINATING AND MOST ENCOURAGING. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE HOSPITALITY SHOWN TO ME, MY WIFE AND OUR PARTY BY OUR VIETNAMESE HOSTS AND FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF AMBASSADOR MARTIN AND HIS STAFF. THEY HAVE MADE CERTAIN THAT OUR TIME WAS FULLY DEVOTED TO THE IMPORTANT MATTERS WHICH ARE OF CONCERN TO OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

" I HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH PRESIENT THIEU, PRIME MINISTER KHIEM, AND FOREIGN MINISTER BAC. THEY HAVE GIVEN ME THEIR VIEWS ON THE SITUATION. OUR DISCUSSIONS HAVE CONFIRMED TO ME THE WISDOM OF OUR COMMON POLICIES. I HAVE BEEN DEEPLY -IMPRESSED WITH THE PATIENCE AND SKILL WITH WHICH THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT, DESPITE ALL DIFFICULTIES, IS SEEKING TO BRING ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. I AM GREATLY ENCOURAGED THAT THE RELEASE OF DETAINEES, STALLED FOR MONTHS BY THE OTHER SIDE, IS NOW AT LAST NEARING AN END. THIS IS DUE TO THE INITIATIVES

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AND DIPLOMATIC SKILL OF REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. I ADMIRE THE GENEROUS

OFFER OF FOREIGN MINISTER BAC TO MEET PERSONALLY WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF NORTH VIETNAM TO NEGOTIATE STEP-BY-STEP NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM. I NOTE THE OFFER RECENTLY MADE IN PARIS BY THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM OF A NEW PLAN TO HOLD THE GENERAL ELECTIONS PROVIDED FOR IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT. I HOPE THE OTHER SIDE WILL RECONSIDER THEIR REJECTION OF THESE PROPOSALS AND OF MEASURES PROPOSED BY THIS GOVERNMENT TO MAKE THE CEASEFIRE MORE EFFECTIVE SO THAT A STABLE PEACE MAY AT LAST BE ACHIEVED.

"IN THE MEANTIME MASSIVE NORTH VIETNAMESE VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASEFIRE AND THE PARIS AGREEMENT CONTINUE, INCLUDING THE BUILD-UP OF NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS AND WEAPONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF THE FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO CONTAIN THIS THREAT. I MUST ALSO EXPRESS MY ADMIRATION FOR WHAT THIS GOVERNMENT HAS ACHIEVED IN CARING FOR ITS PEOPLE AND DEVELOPING THE NATION EVEN UNDER THE STRAINS OF WAR. THERE IS EVERY REASON FOR CONFIDENCE IN THE WELFARE AND PROSPERITY OF THIS COUNTRY IF IT HAS ADEQUATE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE IN ADJUSTING TO AN ECONOMY OF PEACE.

" IT IS U.S. POLICY TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AND BUILD A BETTER LIFE. JUST EIGHT DAYS AGO IN WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT NIXON SIGNED A PROCLAMATION ON THE OCCASION OF VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY. HE SAID THEN, "OUR PART WILL IN THE FUTURE BE UNDER THE NIXON DOCTRINE NOT TO FURNISH TROOPS, BUT WITHIN OUR CAPABILITIES AND DEPENDING ON THEIR ABILITY TO USE IT, TO FURNISH THE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY SUPPLIES SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM CAN HAVE WHAT THEY NEED TO DEFEND THEMSELVES.

"THIS WE WILL DO".
MARTIN

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